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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Criminal Case No. 07-00017-002

PLEA AGREEMENT
as to Defendant
SHI, GUI LIN

Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(B), the United States and SHI, GUI LIN enter into the following plea greement:

1. On the understandings specified below, the Office of the United States Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands ("this Office") will accept a guilty plea from SHI, GUI LIN (the "defendant") to Count One of the Indictment. Count One charges the defendant with Conspiracy to Possess With Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B), in connection with the defendant's possession with the intent to distribute between 5 and 20 grams of methamphetamine in the form commonly known as "ice", beginning on or about January 25, 2005, and continuing through August 2005. Count One carries a maximum sentence of 40 years' imprisonment, a mandatory minimum

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sentence of five years imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$2,000,000, a \$100 special assessment, and supervised release for a minimum period of four years.

- 2. It is understood that the defendant (a) shall truthfully and completely disclose all information with respect to the activities of himself and others concerning all matters about which this Office inquires of him, which information can be used for any purpose; (b) shall cooperate fully with this Office, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the DEA/CNMI Task Force and any other law enforcement agency designated by this Office; (c) shall attend all meetings at which this Office requests his presence; (d) shall provide to this Office, upon request, any document, record, or other tangible evidence relating to matters about which this Office or any designated law enforcement agency inquires of him; (e) shall truthfully testify before the grand jury and at any trial and other court proceeding with respect to any matters about which this Office may request his testimony; (f) shall bring to this Office's attention all crimes which he has committed, and all administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings, investigations, or prosecutions in which he has been or is a subject, target, party, or witness; and, (g) shall commit no further crimes whatsoever. Moreover, any assistance the defendant may provide to federal criminal investigators shall be pursuant to the specific instructions and control of this Office and designated investigators.
- 3. It is understood that this Office cannot, and does not, agree not to prosecute the defendant for criminal tax violations. However, if the defendant fully complies with the understandings specified in this Agreement, no testimony or other information given by him (or any other information directly or indirectly derived therefrom) will be used against him in any criminal tax prosecution. Moreover, if the defendant fully complies with the understandings specified in this Agreement, he will not be further prosecuted criminally by this Office for any crimes, except for criminal tax violations, related to his participation in the conspiracy for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine in the form commonly known as "ice," beginning on or about January 25, 2005 and continuing through August 2005, in the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, to the extent that he has disclosed such participation to this Office as of the date of this Agreement, not involving crimes of violence. This Agreement does not provide any protection against prosecution for any crimes except as set forth herein.

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- Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, it is understood that this 4. Agreement does not bind any federal, state, or local prosecuting authority other than this Office. This Office will, however, bring the cooperation of the defendant to the attention of other prosecuting offices, if requested by him.
- In consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to Sentencing Guidelines § 6B1.4, 5 the parties hereby stipulate to the following facts and application of the Sentencing Guidelines:

Facts

- At some time beginning on or about January 25, 2005, to on or about August 2005, the defendant agreed with another person to possess and distribute methamphetamine, in the form commonly known as "ice", a Schedule II controlled substance, and one or more parties to the agreement took a substantial step in furtherance of the scheme.
- The total quantity of ice that the Defendant distributed beginning on or b. about January 25, 2005 to on or about August 2005, was 7.47 grams.

Offense Level

- U.S.S.G. § 2D1.1 applies to the offense conduct in Count One of the c. Indictment, which includes the drug quantities for this count.
- The defendant's relevant conduct on the charges in the Indictment d. includes the conspiracy for distribution and possession with intent to distribute at least 5 grams but less than 20 grams of methamphetamine in the form of "ice." Accordingly, the base offense level under U.S.S.G. § 2D1.1(c)(7) is 26.
- If the defendant allocutes to the crime charged in Count One of the Indictment to the satisfaction of the Court, a two-level reduction in the offense level for acceptance of responsibility is warranted under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a).
- If the defendant's plea of guilty to Count One of the Indictment is entered f. on or before June 25, 2007, the Government will move for an additional one level reduction for acceptance of responsibility under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b).
 - In accordance with the above, the applicable U.S.S.G. offense level is 23. g.

Criminal History Category

There is no stipulation as to Criminal History category.

Sentencing Range

- i. Based upon the calculations set forth above, and provided the defendant's Criminal History is Category I, the stipulated sentencing Guidelines range is 46 to 57 months. In addition, after determining the defendant's ability to pay, the Court may impose a fine pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 5E1.2. At Guidelines level 23, the applicable fine range is \$10,000 to \$100,000.
- 6. Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B) requires a statutory minimum term of imprisonment of 60 months. Accordingly, absent relief from that statutory minimum sentence, the defendant's sentence would be 60 months, pursuant to Section 5G1.1(b) of the Sentencing Guidelines. However, should the defendant satisfy the conditions set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553(f) for relief from the statutory minimum sentence provision, the Government will recommend the defendant be sentenced pursuant to the Sentencing Guidelines without regard to any statutory minimum sentence.
- 7. It is understood that the sentence to be imposed upon the defendant is within the sole discretion of the Court. This Office cannot, and does not, make any promise or representation as to what sentence the defendant will receive. However, this Office will inform the Probation Department and the Court of (a) this Agreement; (b) the nature and extent of the defendant's activities with respect to this case and all other activities of the defendant which this Office deems relevant to sentencing; and (c) the nature and extent of the defendant's cooperation with this Office. In so doing, this Office may use any information it deems relevant, including information provided by the defendant both prior to and subsequent to the signing of this Agreement. In addition, if this Office determines that the defendant has provided substantial assistance in an investigation or prosecution, and if he has fully complied with the understandings specified in this Agreement, this Office will file a motion, pursuant to Section 5K1.1 of the Sentencing Guidelines, requesting the Court to sentence the defendant in light of the factors set forth in Section 5K1.1(a)(1)-(5). It is understood that, even if such a motion is filed, the sentence to be imposed on the defendant remains within the sole discretion of the Court. The defendant hereby consents to such adjournments of his sentence as may be requested by this Office.

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- 8. It is understood that, should this Office determine either that the defendant has not provided substantial assistance in an investigation or prosecution, or that the defendant has violated any provision of this Agreement, such a determination will release this Office from any obligation to file a motion pursuant to Section 5K1.1 of the Sentencing Guidelines and from Title 18, United States Code. Section 3553(e), but will not entitle the defendant to withdraw his guilty plea once it has been entered.
- 9. It is understood that, should this Office determine, subsequent to the filing of a motion pursuant to Section 5K1.1 of the Sentencing Guidelines, that the defendant has violated any provision of this Agreement, this Office shall have the right to withdraw such motion.
- It is understood that, should the defendant commit any further crimes or should it 10. be determined that he has given false, incomplete, or misleading testimony or information, or should he otherwise violate any provision of this Agreement, the defendant shall thereafter be subject to prosecution for any federal criminal violation of which this Office has knowledge, including perjury and obstruction of justice. Any such prosecution that is not time-barred by the applicable statute of limitations on the date of the signing of this Agreement may be commenced against the defendant, notwithstanding the expiration of the statute of limitations between the signing of this Agreement and the commencement of such prosecution. It is the intent of this Agreement to waive all defenses based on the statute of limitations with respect to any prosecution that is not time-barred on the date that this Agreement is signed.
- The defendant understands that to establish the offense of Conspiracy to 11. Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance, a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B), the government must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:
- First, that the there was an agreement between two or more persons to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, namely methamphetamine in the form known commonly as "ice."
- Second, that the defendant became a member of the conspiracy knowing b. at least one of its objects and intending to help accomplish it.

- c. Third, at least one member of the conspiracy took a substantial step toward committing the crime.
- 12. The defendant further understands that for the mandatory minimum sentence of five years imprisonment to apply, the Government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the object of the conspiracy was the distribution of five grams or more of methamphetamine in the form commonly known as "ice".
- 13. The defendant acknowledges that he has been advised of his rights as set forth below prior to entering into this Agreement. Specifically, defendant has been fully advised of, has had sufficient opportunity to reflect upon, and understands the following:
- a. the nature and elements of the charges, as well as the mandatory minimum penalty and the maximum possible penalty provided by law;
 - b. his right to be represented by an attorney;
- c. his right to plead not guilty and the right to be tried by a jury and at that trial, the right to be represented by counsel, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against him, and the right not to be compelled to incriminate himself, that is, the right not to testify;
- d. that if he pleads guilty, there will not be a further trial of any kind on the charges to which such plea is entered so that by entering into this Agreement, he waives, that is, gives up, the right to a trial; and
- e. that, upon entry of a plea of guilty, or thereafter, the Court may ask him questions about the offenses to which he has pled, under oath, and that if he answers these questions under oath, on the record, his answers may later be used against him in prosecution for perjury or false statement if an answer is untrue.
- 14. Being fully advised of his rights as set forth in the preceding paragraph, the defendant represents that:
- a. the agreement is voluntary and not a result of any force, threats or promises apart from this Agreement;

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- he reads, speaks, writes and understands English and has read and understood the this Agreement or has had a qualified interpreter read the Agreement to him in a language that he understands, and that he fully understood such translation; and
 - he is satisfied with the representation provided to him by his counsel.
- 15. It is understood that in the event that it is determined that the defendant had committed any further crimes, given false, incomplete, or misleading testimony or information, or otherwise violated any provision of this Agreement, (a) all statements made by the defendant to this Office or other designated law enforcement agents, and any testimony given by the defendant before a gand jury or other tribunal, whether prior to or subsequent to the signing of this Agreement, and any leads from such statements or testimony shall be admissible in evidence in any criminal proceeding brought against the defendant; and (b) the defendant shall assert no claim under the United States Constitution, any statute, Rule 11(e)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, or any other federal rule that such statements or any leads therefrom should be suppressed. It is the intent of this Agreement to waive all right in the foregoing respects.
- In exchange for the Government's concessions in this Plea Agreement, the 16. defendant waives any right to appeal this conviction or to collaterally attack this conviction. Defendant reserves the right to appeal the sentence imposed in this case. However, it is further agreed (i) that the defendant will neither appeal, nor otherwise litigate under Title 28, United States Code, Section 2255 and/or Section 2241, the conviction and any sentence within or below the stipulated Sentencing range and (ii) that the government will not appeal any sentence within or above the stipulated Sentencing range. This provision is binding on the parties even if the Court employs a Guidelines analysis different from that stipulated to herein. Furthermore, it is agreed that any appeal as to the defendant's sentence that is not foreclosed by this provision will be limited to that portion of the sentencing calculation that is inconsistent with (or not addressed by) the above stipulation.
- The defendant agrees to forfeit, abandon, give up, and give away to the United 17. States prior to the date of sentencing hearing, any right, title and interest the defendant may have in property subject to criminal forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, and 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1). It is further agreed that any other items of property seized in the search of the defendant, his vehicle(s) and

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the defendant's home(s), not already returned to the defendant, are abandoned by the defendant and shall accordingly be used, transferred, or disposed of at the discretion of the seizing agency.

- By this Agreement the defendant not only agrees to forfeit all interests in the property referred to in the above paragraph, but agrees to take whatever steps are necessary to convey any and all of his right, title and interest in such property to the United States. These steps include but are not limited to the surrender of title, the signing of a quit claim deed, the signing of a consent decree, the signing of abandonment papers, the signing of a stipulation of facts regarding the transfer and basis for the forfeiture and the signing of any other documents necessary to effectuate such transfers. The defendant further agrees to fully assist the government in the recovery and return to the United States of any assets or portions thereof as described above wherever located.
- At the time that the defendant pleads guilty, the CNMI Office of the Attorney 19. General agrees not to prosecute criminally the defendant for any crimes related to his participation in the conspiracy for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine in the form commonly known as "ice," beginning on or about January 25, 2005 through August 2005, in the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, to the extent that he has disclosed such participation to the United States Attorney's Office as of the date of this Agreement.
- This Agreement supersedes any prior understandings, promises, or conditions 20. between this Office and the defendant. No additional understandings, promises, or conditions have been entered into other than those set forth in this Agreement, and none will be entered into unless in writing and signed by all parties.

DATED: 6-26-07

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INTERPRETER'S CERTIFICATION

I orally translated the foregoing plea agreement in its entirety for the defendant form English into his native language. He indicated to me in his native language that he understood its content.

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